

Resolution No. 2014-50

Resolution Establishing Committee to Lead Historic Area Process, Guidelines and Procedures Review

WHEREAS, the New Castle Historic Area standards, guidelines and processes (the “Guidelines”) have not been comprehensively updated since 1990; and

WHEREAS, over the past twenty-five years changes have occurred in New Castle, the larger field of historic preservation and building technologies and materials that should be reflected in the City’s Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, City Council further wishes to amend the Guidelines so as to enhance the overall user experience before the Historic Area Commission and the Commission’s resources while developing long-term sustainable strategies; and

WHEREAS, updating the Guidelines requires extensive research, outside expertise and public input to allow for an open and transparent process to ensure preservation of the historic character of New Castle; and

WHEREAS, it is City Council’s intention that the process of amending the Guidelines will include outreach to residents, businesses, property owners, Historic Area Commission members and City staff, in addition to input from professional preservation organizations and state and national agencies; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Castle and Trustees of the New Castle Common have established funding to conduct such review; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, City Council hereby appoints a Historic Area Review Committee led by architect and consultant Leila Hamroun of Path Forward Architecture with members:

- Michael Connolly, New Castle Historical Society Executive Director
- Doug Lovett, Retail Business/Property Owner Nominated by City Council
- Joseph Day, Resident with Building Permitting Experience Nominated by City Council
- Jim Meek, Resident and Trustee Nominated by the Trustees of the New Castle Common

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee is charged with reviewing the existing Guidelines and making detailed and comprehensive recommendations to City Council as to their amendment, with all such amendments being subject to approval of City Council.

PASSED this 9th day of September, 2014.

Linda Ratchford, City Council President

John W. Cochran, Councilperson

Teel Petty, Councilperson

Theodore H. Megginson, Councilperson

Albert J. Vannucci, Jr., Councilperson

Attest:

Janet E. Wurtzel, City Clerk